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**ALLEGED KILLER OF POLICE OFFICER IN VIRGINIA ARRESTED  
IN WHITE PLAINS AND ORDERED HELD BY FEDERAL COURT**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that THOMAS ALEXANDER PORTER was arrested this morning at approximately 4:30 a.m. in White Plains, New York, and later in the day was ordered held without bail by United States Magistrate Judge MARK D. FOX.

PORTER is alleged to have murdered Norfolk, Virginia, Police Officer Stanley C. Reaves in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 28, 2005, while Officer Reaves sought to question PORTER in connection with a report of a person armed with a gun. Arrest warrants were issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia on multiple charges, including the capital murder of a police officer. Based on a request from the office of the Commonwealth of Virginia for federal assistance in locating PORTER, a criminal Complaint was filed by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia and an arrest warrant was obtained on October 31, 2005, charging PORTER with traveling in interstate commerce to avoid prosecution.

At PORTER's appearance before Magistrate Judge FOX, he requested a hearing to determine whether he is the person wanted for the police officer's murder in Virginia and whether there is probable cause to establish he committed the murder. Judge FOX scheduled a hearing for Friday at 1:30 p.m. to address these issues and to determine whether PORTER should be released on bail.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Marshals Service, the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Norfolk, Virginia, Police Department, the New York City Police Department, the Yonkers Police Department, the White Plains Police Department, and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

Assistant United States Attorney DANIEL DORSKY  
represented the Government at today's hearing.

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